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Government Technical Examinations

* 130 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates for Government Technical Examinations (Typewriting and Shorthand) are required to apply through recognised Commercial Institutes;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that private candidates are not permitted to appear directly for such Government Examinations and, if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether the South Indian Shorthand Writers' Central Association, Madras, has recently made any representations to Government about the difficulties of private candidates in this regard; and 10–10 a.m.

(*d*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes, Sir. A representation was received, especially to permit a certain candidate to appear privately for the Lower Grade Examination in Tamil Shorthand in the P. G. Subramanya Iyer System. Due to certain practical difficulties, the Commissioner for Government Examinations was not able to arrange for the conduct of the Examination in that system.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What are the recognised systems of Shorthand in Tamil for public examination and what is the basis for recognition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be put.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Have the Government published any Tamil Shorthand Manual for guidance of Shorthand candidates and, if not, will they consider the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think we have published any Manual for Tamil Shorthand. But I think others have published.

Aided Secondary Schools

* 131 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any maximum limit prescribed by the Government in regard to the fees leviable by the managements in aided secondary schools;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the management in certain aided secondary schools in Tiruchirappalli have exceeded this limit; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 449–450 infra.